

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the current title and replace with the following:

METHODS FOR PRODUCING AMINO ACIDS IN CORYNEFORM BACTERIA USING AN
ENHANCED SIGC GENE

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

The invention relates to an isolated polynucleotide having a polynucleotide sequence which codes for the sigC gene, and a host-vector system having a coryneform host bacterium, such as *Corynebacterium glutamicum*, ~~in which the sigC gene is present in attenuated form and a~~ vector which carries at least ~~the~~ a sigC gene according to SEQ ID No 1, and the use of polynucleotides which comprise the sequences according to the invention as hybridization probes.